

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 27 January 65 27/2300Z	2. LOCATION Plum Tree Island, Virginia
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Aircraft (HELQ)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Navy Helo from Norfolk #49921 in area during observation (H-3).
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 1/2 Hours	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS One object with 3-7 lights. Size about 75 ft across 10-15 ft high. Lights were amber red and either light red or orange. Lights appeared to rotate with the object. No trail or sound. Lights flashed. Elevation about 75 ft on azimuth of 020 degrees. Observer in Hampton Virginia, object over Plum Tree Island. Object flew zig-zag path and landed on shore, remained there for about 5 minutes. Object then took off to the North, turned right and departed to East at high rate of speed.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual (BX)	
7. COURSE Landed	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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HEADQUARTERS  
4500TH AIR BASE WING  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA 23365



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: DO/2711

SUBJECT: Initial Report of Investigation of UFO

1 FEB 1965

TO: AFSC (FTD)  
Wright-Patterson AFB  
Ohio 45433

1. The following information is presented as directed by paragraph 14, AFR 200-2:

a. Description of the objects:

- (1) Shape: Lights; approximately 75 feet over-all separation.
- (2) Size: 75 feet across; 10 to 15 feet in height.
- (3) Color: Red, and either light red or orange.
- (4) Number: One object; three to seven lights.
- (5) Formation: None.
- (6) Discernible Features: Lights on the object appeared to rotate with the object.
- (7) Tail: None.
- (8) Sound: None.

b. Description of course of object:

- (1) Attention called by the flashing lights.
- (2) Elevation and azimuth at first sighting - maximum of 75 feet elevation and on an azimuth of 020 degrees from the observer.
- (3) Elevation and azimuth upon disappearance: 500 to 1000 feet elevation and on an azimuth of 090 degrees from the observer.
- (4) Flight path and maneuvers: object moved 1/4 mile west of original position on a zigzag course and then appeared to land on the shore. It remained fixed for approximately five minutes.



(5) The object then took off to the north, but turned right to depart to the east. It disappeared in the distance at an apparent high rate of speed.

c. Manner of observation:

(1) This was a ground-visual observation and the observer was using 20-power binoculars.

d. Time and date of sighting: 2300Z to 0300Z (1800-1930 local) 27 January 1965.

e. Location of observer: The observer was at his home [REDACTED] Hampton, Virginia, [REDACTED] which is directly across the Back River from Plum Tree Island (1.8 miles).

f. Observer Identification:

(1) Name: [REDACTED]

(2) Age: 34

(3) Mailing Address: [REDACTED] Hampton, Virginia.

(4) Occupation: Service Engineer, Electronic Instrumentation.

g. Weather and winds:

(1) Observer's account of weather conditions: Winds west, 5-10 knots; sky clear, visibility good, surface temperature 40 degrees fahrenheit.

(2) Reported winds - Langley AFB Base Operations Weather Facility surface: 300/12.

(3) Ceiling: clear.

(4) Visibility: 10 miles visibility.

(5) Cloud cover: less than 1/10th.

(6) Thunderstorms: None

(7) Vertical temperature gradient: Surface 46°F.



h. Unusual meteorological activity or conditions: None.

i. Interceptive action taken: None - due to the object's disappearance before it was reported to the Air Force. However, the area was searched by the investigator in a helicopter the next morning after the reported sighting. Nothing unusual was found.

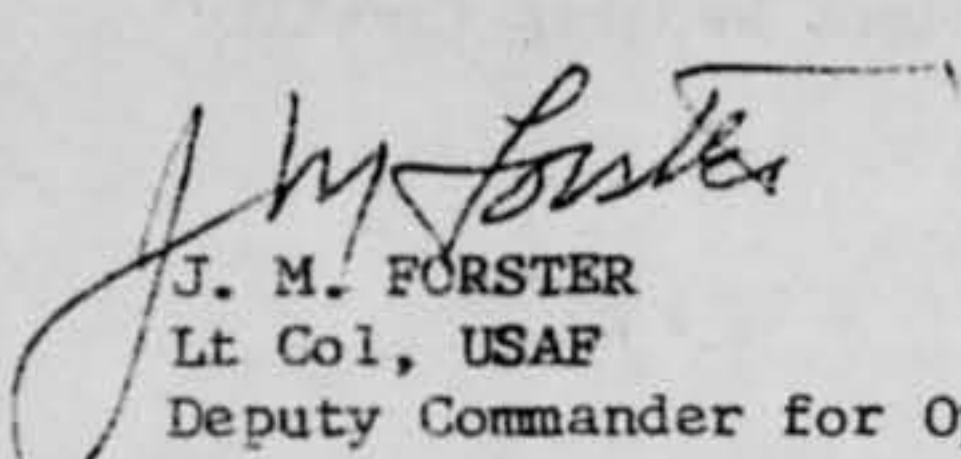
j. Air traffic in the area: Navy Norfolk reported than an H-3 (Navy Helicopter 49921) was in the area east of Langley AFB between 2300 and 2330 Zulu, 27 January 1965.

k. This report was prepared by First Lieutenant Robert R. Dockum, USAF, 4500 Air Base Wing (DOO-H), Langley AFB, Virginia. The description of this UFO sighting was given by Mr. ██████████ to Lt. Dockum during a personal interview on 29 January 1965. Mr. ██████████ said that there were other reports of similar sightings in the same area and at the approximate same time. These other reports were given to the press, but not to the Air Force. The most probable cause of this sighting was a helicopter flying in the area. This possibility was confirmed by Navy Norfolk ("j" above).

1. No physical evidence was reported to exist.

2. Mr. ██████████ was prompted to report his sighting by the many other reports in the Virginia coastal area. Many of these reports are widely publicized by the press, but never are turned over to the Air Force. Mr. ██████████ stated he thought a helicopter would explain his sighting.

FOR THE COMMANDER

  
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For additional information see

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